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## REPUBLICANS ARE MOST CONFIDENT.

The most impressive thing in politics at the present time is the absolute confidence of the Republicans of success next year, although they may be said to be without a candidate at the present time, and the lack of confidence many Democrats have in winning with their already chosen candidate.

This may seem strange in view of the fact that nearly everything has been coming Wilson's way, but it is a fact that many of the old wheel horses of Democracy fear that they will not be able to re-elect Wilson. At the same time many others assert that he is stronger than his party and consequently fear that no other man could be elected if Wilson should become a one term president.

It must be recorded that the confidence of success next year is with the Republican leaders, the big men of the party, mostly those standpatters belonging to the Taft party of 1912. Many others believe that only with Hughes can the Republicans win next year.

Jim Mann Belligerent.  
Jim Mann never shows to such a good advantage as when he is in a fighting mood. And that is just

where he is at the present time. The Republican minority leader came to Washington with his spurs on, with his buckler and broadsword. Invited to confer with the president, he announced in advance that he was not going to "take orders from the White House."

There was suspicion in the minds of a number of people who read the Mann statement that Jim felt that Wilson had stolen the Republican "thunder" on the matter of preparedness. By changing his course completely since a year ago the president has become the champion of preparedness, which seems to be a popular position.

Hoke Smith Sees a Light  
A few months ago it appeared that Senator Hoke Smith of Georgia might open war on the foreign policy of the administration, particularly in regard to Great Britain's treatment of American goods. But the increased price of cotton and the note to Great Britain have materially changed conditions. Besides, the senator has observed that the president is really quite popular in many sections. Other senators inclined to opposition have noticed the same thing.

May Abandon Cloture.  
Here is an idea. It is possible

that the Democrats may abandon cloture, but insist upon amending the rules so as to compel a senator to speak on the subject before the senate. I would like to see such a rule as that. There are great possibilities for exciting times if such a rule is put in force.

The Fight Against Liquor.  
Possibly the liquor interests do not see the whole force of the fight which is being inaugurated against the traffic. But it is a fact that the anti-liquor people are putting in very telling blows. Just at a time when congress is about to meet cable dispatches are published in many papers showing the good effects of the restraint and absolute prohibition of the liquor traffic in the war countries. That these dispatches are a part of a great publicity scheme there can be no doubt. The intention is to have effect upon congress in the interest of a national prohibition amendment.

Anti-Suffrage Plan.  
The Anti-suffragists are well aware that the Congressional union, representing the fighting force of the suffragists in Washington, has determined to have the Susan B. Anthony amendment reported at an early date and are making equal efforts to prevent any such action. The anti believe that they will be able to hold the amendment in committee during the long session of congress. If it should then be reported out it will be defeated on a vote, as it was in the last congress. That is the present program.

Congressman Hoovering of Kansas does not see much clamor in his state for big battleships and an enlarged army. He looks askance at the preparedness program and hopes to see a compromise with submarines, torpedo boats and strong coast defenses where needed. A great many midwestern members are somewhat shaky on large military expenditures.

The Republicans were about to make Myron Herrick their presidential candidate on account of the service he rendered during the early stages of the war as ambassador to France. Now the Democrats are talking of making Brand Whitlock a vice presidential candidate for services he rendered in Belgium as the American minister. How about home folks and what they have done for the good of America?

Mrs. Gault is already beginning to realize the penalty of marrying a president. Cranks from all over the country are flooding her mail with requests for endorsements of egg beaters, bat pins, and a thousand or two other articles of more or less uncertain merit.

James F. Bates, a transient who was recently arrested at Big Sandy on a charge of insanity, had a hearing in the district court, and was committed to the Warm Springs asylum. The authorities discovered that the patient had been discharged from the Washington state asylum some time ago.

## RURAL CREDITS AND EASY FARM MONEY.

Much perfectly good breath and effort have been wasted by rural up-lifters in advocating conservation of fertility on newly settled homesteads. If there is any accumulated fertility we believe it belongs to the first man to develop and build a home on it. The settler has a difficult and precarious undertaking to establish himself, and may be well excused from giving too much concern to posterity. Their lot will be easy compared with his, even though the first blush of virgin fertility has been removed. The settler needs capital to carry him over to the time of regular crop production and income.

Dr. Elwood Meade, who has studied rural credits all over the world and who is expected in Montana during the Agricultural College Farmers' Week in January, has a plan for credits on the Australian system, which is now working well in other places. Dr. Meade proposes to break half the land to be settled by contract, using efficient machinery for the purpose, to fence and erect buildings—more or less expensive according to the settlers needs—and to provide tillage implements, teams wagons, cows and other stock. These will be put in at cost, which will be low because of large transactions for cash. The settler will therefore take over not raw land, but a fully equipped farm ready to produce revenue. He will pay from 10 to 30 per cent down, according to the grade of equipment chosen, and 5 per cent annually on the balance for thirty years, when he becomes owner in fee. The Government is getting postal savings money at 2 per cent, by paying 3 per cent they could get much more. Putting this out at 4 1/2 per cent will pay interest well, while the 1 1/2 per cent over (6 per cent in all) will take up the principal in thirty years. Such a plan would be a great boon to hundreds of settlers.

## KEEP YOUR NOSE AT HOME.

Isn't it about time for the government to call a halt on the rapidly growing habit of certain American people poking their noses into Europe's affairs?

Their meddling advice has not been solicited and it will not be heeded, and the only visible effect will be the bringing of our own country into disrepute in the eyes of the peoples of all nations, a condition which may easily lead to serious trouble for us in the near future.

When European governments at war with each other will not listen to the tenders of good offices from the heads of neutral nations, what reason have we to suppose that they would give even a thought to the blatant demands of private American citizens who apparently think more of newspaper notoriety than they do of peace?

The great mass of our American of all degree are a sane and sensible people, who attend strictly to our own affairs. But we are cursed with a minority who are never happy unless they can get into the newspaper headlines, and they will go to extreme lengths to satisfy their insane cravings.

By strenuous work the United States has managed to keep out of the European entanglements thus far, although our prestige has suffered to a degree.

We can not afford to be drawn into it through the officious meddling of a gang of irresponsible American notoriety seekers who persist in poking their noses in the European face.

Europe will settle its war in its own way when the right time comes. In the meantime let the government insist that the noses be kept at home.

## TOPOGRAPHICAL MAP.

Washington.—A portable military and naval topographical map for use of air scouts in the field, and which will enable them to make quick and realistic reports of observations, has been invented by Gunnery Sergeant Herman G. Stroschein of the United States Marine Corps.

Worm gearing, operated by telescope thumb screws from the sides of the map, will cross elevations and depressions thereon, showing terrain, contours of valleys, bodies of water, etc., and should make the aviator's report clear to the newest man in the field of operations, Stroschein claims.

The map will be very light though strongly built, and it is thought by military men that one of the great problems confronting aviators in the field—speed and accuracy in observation description—will have been overcome by the use of the Marine sergeant's invention.

Gunnery Sergeant Stroschein is on duty at the headquarters of the United States Marine Corps in this city.

Delegations headed by Senator Walsh of Montana and Governor Kendrick of Wyoming, appeared before Secretary Lane to urge the opening to homestead settlement of a million and a half acres of the Crow Indian reservation in southern Montana. Representatives of the Crows, Chief Plenty Coos, whose strong profile appears on the government's five dollar bill, and Chief Curly Bear, survivor of the Custer massacre, protested against the proposal, telling the secretary that under existing conditions their reservation was self-sustaining for the first time in many years. The Indians will be given another hearing later.

Postoffice inspectors in Montana are sending out warnings to business men who are advised not to cash money orders drawn on the Glendale postoffice. Burglars robbed that office recently of blank money orders, and it is believed that an attempt will be made to get cash on some of them.

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